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Iqaluit, Nunavut
Thursday, May 21, 2026

Members Present:

Hon. Gwen Healey Akearok, Ms. Hannah Angootealuk, Mr. Edward Attagutluk, Hon. Janet Pitsiulaaq Brewster, Hon. David Joanase, Mr. Jamie Kablutsiak, Hon. Brian Koonoo, Mr. Simon Kuliktana, Hon. Cecile Nelvana Lyall, Hon. John Main, Mr. Johnny Mike, Mr. Fred Pedersen, Mr. David Porter, Mr. Abraham Qammaniq, Hon. Craig Simailak, Hon. Annie Tattuinee.

>>*House commenced at 13:30*

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. David Joanase) (interpretation): Good afternoon. Before we proceed, I call on Member Attagutluk to lead us in prayer.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Attagutluk. Before we proceed with the *Orders of the Day*, I am pleased to welcome members back to the House.

I wish to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the memory of two distinguished individuals who recently passed. Louis Tapardjuk represented the constituency of Amittuq during the 2nd and 3rd Legislative Assemblies. His career included service as a member of the Executive Council of Nunavut, Mayor of Igloolik, and chairman of the board of directors of the Inuit Uqausinginnik Taiguusiliuqtiit. He was a lifelong advocate for Inuit rights and language, and we recognize him.

The other person we would like to remember fondly, Alan Maghagak, was a former chief negotiator with the Tungavik of Nunavut, TFN, prior to the signing of the Nunavut Agreement. He later served as president of the Kitikmeot Inuit Association and a member of the Nunavut Impact Review Board.

Alan was a well-respected interpreter/translator whose voice was familiar to Nunavummiut listening to the proceedings of the House.

And I also wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the former commissioner, Eva Aariak, whose office recently ended. On behalf of all members of the House, we wish her the very best and thank her for her service.

We also look forward to a timely announcement from the federal government regarding the appointment of our next commissioner.

I also wish to express our appreciation in the Legislative Assembly to outgoing Governor General Mary Simon for her service to the nation. She served representing Inuit properly in her position.

Money Message

Before we proceed with the *Orders of the Day*, it is my duty to advise the House that I have received the following message from His Honour the Deputy Commissioner of Nunavut. It states:

“Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise that I recommend to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut, the passage of the following Bills during the 2026 Spring Sitting of the 2nd session of the 7th Legislative Assembly:

- Bill 1, *Appropriation or Operations and Maintenance Act, 2026-2027*; and
- Bill 2, *Supplementary Appropriation for Capital Act, No. 1, 2026-2027*.

Written by Lew Phillip, Deputy Commissioner of Nunavut.”

I wish to advise the House that the three members will be absent for different reasons, airline cancellations among other reasons:

The member for Hudson Bay and the member for Uqqummiut are absent right now, but they will be joining the sitting as soon as possible. The member for the High Arctic will be absent today as well.

We will now proceed with the *Orders of the Day*. Item 2, Ministers’ Statements. Minister Simailak.

Item 3: Ministers’ Statements

Minister’s Statement 1 – 7(2): Minister Absent from the House

Hon. Craig Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It’s great that we’re all meeting again, colleagues.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise members that the Hon. George Hickee will be absent from the House from Thursday, May 21 to Friday, May 22 to attend the federal-provincial-territorial meetings for human rights.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to advise members that the Hon. David Akeegok will be absent from the House from Thursday, May 21 to Friday, May 22, 2026 due to family reasons.

During their absence, the following ministers will be acting for the following portfolios:

I will be Acting Government House Leader and Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Nunavut;

Premier Main will be Acting Minister of Education and Justice;

And Minister Healey Akearok will be Acting Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Ministers' Statements. Minister of Finance, Mr. Main.

Minister's Statement 2 – 7(2): Notice of Budget Address

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I almost called you chairman. It's great that we're all back here again and with all my colleagues here; I'm very happy about that.

Right now I'm happy to tell my colleagues here that after Sunday, May 25, 2026 the budget for 2026-2027 will be presented. I will be presenting it on behalf of the Nunavut government, and inside it will explain the expenditures, planned expenditures for 2026-2027. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister's Statement. Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Ms. Akearok.

Minister's Statement 3 – 7(2): Minister Chartrand Visit and Need for Infrastructure Investment

Hon. Gwen Healey Akearok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Welcome back to all my colleagues as well.

Mr. Speaker, last month I had the pleasure of welcoming the Hon. Rebecca Chartrand, Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs, and Minister responsible for the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency to the Iqaluit power plant.

Our meeting focused on the urgent need for sustained investment and energy infrastructure throughout Nunavut. We discussed the risk of deferred investment and the importance of taking proactive steps to modernize our infrastructure to ensure long-term reliability and resilience for all Nunavummiut.

This visit provided an important opportunity to reaffirm the need for continued federal partnerships and targeted funding to support our critical infrastructure, particularly as we work to reduce our reliance on diesel, and advance cleaner, more sustainable energy solutions.

Our vision is to transition the remaining first-generation power plants into scalable modular highbred systems. This approach ensures dependable energy today while including the flexibility to integrate cleaner technology as they become viable for our communities in the future.

Mr. Speaker, the urgency of this work is clear. The recent state of emergency declared by the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven highlights the real and immediate impacts that infrastructure limitations can have on communities and public safety.

Minister Chartrand's leadership and her commitment to strengthening northern and Indigenous partnerships are critical as we advance this work together. The visit concluded with a tour of the Iqaluit power plant, providing a first-hand look at the complexity of our operations and reinforcing the importance of continued collaboration as we move priority energy projects forward.

Qujannamiik, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister's Statement. Minister for Nunavut Housing Corporation, Ms. Lyall.

Minister's Statement 4 – 7(2): Build Canada Homes Agreement

Hon. Cecile Lyall: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to inform the House that the Nunavut Housing Corporation has now officially signed the contribution agreement with Build Canada Homes. This agreement represents a significant federal investment in housing supply, and supports our efforts to address the critical housing shortage in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, under this agreement, the Nunavut Housing Corporation will receive up to \$241 million in federal funding to support up to 725 new housing units across Nunavut, including public, affordable and supported housing.

I thank Minister Robertson, the federal government, and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated for their partnership in advancing housing for Nunavummiut.

This funding will directly support the Nunavut Housing Corporation's construction of up to 425 new public housing units. It will also support up to 150 units through our

supported housing capital program, which helps partners develop housing for Nunavummiut who need additional supports.

This agreement will also support 150 affordable housing units through our Nunavut Affordable Housing Supply Incentive program, which helps create more affordable housing through partnerships with industry.

Mr. Speaker, both programs help partners add housing supply with funding supports of up to 150,000 per unit for eligible partners, including Inuit organizations, municipalities, non-profit organizations, and the private sector. Applications are accepted year-round, and more information is available at nunavuthousing.ca.

Mr. Speaker, this agreement also helps Nunavut's local construction workforce and creates long-term economic opportunities for Nunavummiut.

High construction costs, limited infrastructure capacity, and short construction seasons continue to affect housing delivery. This agreement will not solve every challenge, but it is an important step forward for housing supply across our territory.

Mr. Speaker, housing in Nunavut is more than infrastructure. Housing affects our health, education, employment, safety and overall community well-being. Continued investment in housing is critical to reduce overcrowding, supporting families, and strengthen our communities as a whole. *Quana*, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister's Statement. Mr. Simailak.

Minister's Statement 5 – 7(2): National Seal Product Day and the Nunavut Sealing Symposium 2027

Hon. Craig Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Seal Products Day, observed each year on May 20 across Canada, to highlight the importance of sealing to Nunavut's culture, economy, and way of life.

Mr. Speaker, sealing is not simply an activity in Nunavut, it is a part of who we are. For generations, Inuit have relied on seals for food, clothing, tools and trade, guided by deep knowledge, respect for wildlife, and a sustainable relationship with the environment. That knowledge continues to be passed down through generations and remains essential to the strength of our communities today.

Seal harvesting continues to play an important role in supporting food security across Nunavut. Seal meat is nutritious country food that contributes to healthy families and communities. At the same time, seal skins and other seal products create meaningful economic opportunities for harvesters, artists, seamstresses and small businesses throughout the territory.

Mr. Speaker, sealing supports local economies, strengthens Inuit culture, and reinforces traditional ways of life. It reflects the principles of *Avatittinnik Kamatsiarniq*, including respect, stewardship and the responsible use of wildlife.

However, Mr. Speaker, sealing is not always well understood outside of Nunavut. Despite the reality that Inuit sealing is humane, regulated and sustainable, misinformation continues to exist about the practice. National Seal Products Day provides an important opportunity to share the truth about sealing, to support our harvesters and communities, and to ensure Inuit voices are heard clearly and respectfully.

Mr. Speaker, our government remains committed to strengthening the sealing sector. We continue to work with harvesters, communities and partners to reduce barriers, support local production and expand opportunities for Nunavut seal products, both within Canada and internationally.

I am pleased to announce an important initiative that will help advance this work. In February 2027, the Department of Community Services, Fisheries and Sealing Division will host the first Nunavut Sealing Symposium under the theme “Past, Present, Future: Building the Seal Economy from Harvest to Market.”

This symposium will bring together harvesters, elders, youth, seamstresses, artists, designers, industry leaders, and partners from across Nunavut and Canada to explore practical ways to strengthen the sealing economy and support the future of the industry. The symposium will create opportunities to share knowledge, promote innovation, explore market opportunities, and strengthen collaboration across the sealing sector, while ensuring Inuit knowledge and perspectives remain at the centre of this work.

Mr. Speaker, this will be an important opportunity to showcase the strength of Inuit harvesting practices, the quality of Nunavut seal products, and the leadership of Inuit within the sealing industry.

Over the coming months, the department will continue engaging with communities, harvesters and stakeholders to help shape the symposium and ensure it reflects the priorities and realities of Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, the future of sealing in Nunavut is strong. By continuing to support our harvesters, promote Inuit-made products, and share our story with clarity and confidence, we can ensure sealing remains a vibrant and growing part of Nunavut’s future. I

encourage all members of this Assembly to recognize National Seal Products Day and to support the harvesters and communities who carry this important work forward every day. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): And thank you. It's very exciting to see people wearing seal products in their clothing. Minister's Statement. Minister Healey Akearok.

Minister's Statement 6 – 7(2): Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

Hon. Gwen Healey Akearok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) As my colleagues in this House are aware, on May 5 we observed Red Dress Day, the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People. Thank you to my colleague the Hon. Janet Brewster for participating in the event in Iqaluit in my absence.

Mr. Speaker, this work is important and ongoing and shared by many partners in Nunavut. In February I attended the National Indigenous Federal-Provincial-Territorial Meeting on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people. Justice minister George Hickes, and Jukipa Kotierk, vice-president of Qullit Nunavut Status of Women Council, joined me at the meeting.

I also want to acknowledge and thank our colleagues from Nunavut Tunngavik, who also attended the meeting. They are important partners in this territory-wide work, and together we are working with community organizations, hamlets, and municipalities across all 25 Nunavut communities to share funding and align supports, from shelters, to victim services, to interventions aimed at ending gender-based violence. The gathering reaffirmed something many of us already know. Community-led solutions are essential to our collective response at every level.

Over the course of the two-day meeting, representatives from across the country participated in discussions on human trafficking, the Red Dress Alert, the impact of major projects on Indigenous women and girls, and the shortage of funding to support this critical work. We heard loud and clear how working in silos prevents real action and change from taking place. I left Ottawa with a renewed commitment to continue to actively and purposefully collaborate to find solutions to end the violence that deeply impacts our families and our communities.

Mr. Speaker, the words of one of the youth speakers at the conference stayed with me. She said, let us be the last generation to have to deal with the issue of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls and gender-diverse people. I feel these words deeply. Let us honour the voices of young people by continuing to act together.

Mr. Speaker, most recently, my commitment to continuing this work led to a meeting with Jennifer Richardson, the Chief Advisor to Combat Human Trafficking. During the meeting in Iqaluit, we discussed what human trafficking looks like in Nunavut, and I am grateful for the opportunity for the Government of Nunavut to contribute to the development of the renewed National Human Trafficking Strategy. I appreciate and welcome the chance to ensure Nunavut's realities are fully reflected in the national approach.

Qujannamiik, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. *Orders of the Day*, Item 3; but first of all I would like to recognize people in the House. Lori Idlout, our representative for Nunavut, thank you for being in the House.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Members' Statements. Member for Cambridge Bay, Mr. Pedersen.

Item 4: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 16 – 7(2): Agnico Eagle Mine

Mr. Pedersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Along with fellow MLAs from the Kitikmeot, as well as the premier and some members of cabinet, I had the pleasure of attending the announcement by Agnico Eagle at the Hope Bay Mine site on Tuesday.

Mr. Speaker, the investment of \$2.4 billion to upgrade the site and complete a new mill is great news for the region and for our territory. Agnico Eagle is looking to commence gold production in 2030. Jobs for Inuit and contracts for Inuit firms are some of the biggest benefits that Nunavummiut can get from major development projects like this. It is great that the Kitikmeot Inuit Association is running many mine training programs so that residents of the region can take advantage of the upcoming opportunities.

I was also encouraged by the recent announcement made here in Iqaluit yesterday that the federal government is putting additional dollars towards the Grays Bay Port and Road Project. The \$50 million announcement will assist West Kitikmeot Resources in moving the project forward.

Mr. Speaker, these announcements, along with the announcement made by our prime minister, which includes Cambridge Bay as a new site for the national support node for the Department of National Defence, bring major investment into the region and will benefit our contractors and their employees. These are Inuit-owned companies that hire Inuit employees. The revenues and wages will assist them in creating a better quality of life for themselves and their families. I will be lobbying for the extension and paving of the Cambridge Bay airport to be a part of this investment, and will seek support from this government in seeing that happens.

I look forward to hearing more on the details of these announcements and to hearing from ministers of this government on what investments the Government of Nunavut will be contributing, whether it be direct cash investments or in-kind contributions and support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Simailak.

Member's Statement 17 – 7(2): Spring Day Trips

Hon. Craig Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) To my fellow Baker Lakers back home, spring is upon us again, and I'm sure with a lot of people camping and fishing and geese hunting, some people camping or just going for day trips, but I just want to quickly remind you all to be mindful of your surroundings, wildlife. The lakes are pretty fast. Wolves, caribou, wolverines and bears; bears are awake again, grizzly bears. Especially to the young folks that are starting to go out hunting or fishing by themselves, just a reminder, just keep a lookout, advise someone where you will be going and when you should be back, back home, so that people don't worry about you.

just a reminder as well, our Qamani'tuaq, Baker Lake Search and Rescue have spot devices you can borrow for free; you just have to sign it out. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Pangnirtung, Mr. Mike.

Member's Statement 18 – 7(2): Pangnirtung Breakwater Improvements

Mr. Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We're having technical issues. Is it okay now?

I'm very pleased that we're back here in the House, and I would like to welcome the people in the gallery, and also Ms. Lori Idlout who is also here.

The federal government has indicated that they are going to make improvements to the breakwater in Pangnirtung. It was perfectly fine in 2013 when they built it, but today it's very shallow, so there needs to be some renovations done to that. It was the first one built here in Nunavut, and because of that, I am very pleased that the federal government has identified some funds that will be used for this project. I will also ask a question to the appropriate minister. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Members' Statements. Arviat South, Mr. Kablutsiak.

Member's Statement 19 – 7(2): Social Worker Diploma Program Graduates

Mr. Kablutsiak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be reading names and recognizing names. April 14, 2026 graduates at school. Social Services Worker Diploma Program, as it's called: Julianna Aningat, Daisy Anoe, Jessica Anoe, Marika Arloo, Kayla Kablutsiak, Marcia Kaurayok, Theresa Komak, Samantha Kuksuk, Eden Napayok, Elizabeth Pingushat, Hollyann Uluadluak, and one who participated in the Bachelor of Social Work Program, Elizabeth U. Issakiark. Hopefully, and I encourage Minister of Family Services and Human Resources that the names I just listed, that I hope we will see programs coming up soon in the near future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Members' Statements. I don't have any more names. To our agenda, item 4, Return to Oral Questions. 5, Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know you would like to recognize I know you did acknowledge the lady earlier. Our MP, Lori Idlout. Welcome to the Assembly. I have met with her a number of times and we focused on collaboration and corporation and strength, and it's great. Welcome

And Kitikmeot Inuit Association, Mr. Angutingunirk, welcome to the Assembly. And thank you for welcoming us to Hope Bay after the mining announcement.

(interpretation ends) And behind me, retired Sergeant Scott Chaipelle (ph). He has served 28 years in the Canadian Air Force as a flight engineer, and has been to Nunavut before. He was in Iqaluit in 2007 as part of Operation Nanuk. Please, welcome to the Legislative Assembly, and thank you for your service.

(interpretation) And no stranger to our Assembly, (interpretation ends) Mr. Mike Courtney. I know you're retired, Mike, but if you're looking for opportunities I'm sure you could find some work in the building.

(Laughter)

Welcome to the House, everybody. *Mat'na*.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Welcome, all of you. To our agenda, item 6, Oral Questions. MLA for Kugluktuk, Mr. Kuliktana.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Oral Question 8 – 7(2): Guaranteed Basic Income

Mr. Kuliktana: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Welcome back to all the members.

My question today is for the Minister of Family Services.

Mr. Speaker, I was very interested to hear references to the concept of “guaranteed basic income” during the minister’s responses to questions asked during our recent winter sitting by my colleague from Quttiktuq.

As the minister will be aware, her predecessor made a statement in this House a little over a year ago in which she announced that her department had completed a feasibility study on this issue and would be undertaking community consultations on its findings.

Can the minister provide an update today on the status of this work? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister of Family Services, Ms. Healey Akearok.

Hon. Gwen Healey Akearok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, (interpretation ends) and I thank the member for the question. The feasibility study was conducted and completed. The results are being analyzed in relation to all of the other programs and services available through Family Services, and we recognize the cost pressures on Nunavummiut. We’re eager to find creative ways to address our income assistance needs. The guaranteed basic income program is one that we’re continuing to examine and look at, and I hope to be able to share more as we go ahead. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): First supplementary question, Mr. Kuliktana.

Mr. Kuliktana: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the minister will be aware, her department has published a number of reports and studies on this issue. One of the main reports indicated that:

“We learned that a Universal Basic Income, which is a cash transfer paid to everyone regardless of income and without conditions attached, of any significant amount is financially infeasible for the territorial government to fund. An income-tested basic income would cost less, but still require significantly increased financing to have a discernible impact on monetary poverty.”

Can the minister indicate what level of funding would be required to implement an income-tested basic income? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: (interpretation) Thank you. Minister of Family Services, Ms. Healey Akearok.

Hon. Gwen Healey Akearok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, (interpretation ends) and I thank the member for the follow-up question.

Our cost estimates have examined the potential, I guess our cost estimates have examined what it might look like to eliminate poverty entirely, and that cost has been estimated at \$185 million. The feasibility study that was conducted found that the income support framework aligned with *Inuit Qaujimagajatuqangit* perspectives that were shared at the time, and in terms of how community involvement and engagement and participation is part of that framework.

As we continue to examine the costs involved and what a guaranteed basic income might look like, we're taking all of those different aspects into account. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Second supplementary and final question, Mr. Kuliktana.

Mr. Kuliktana: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank the minister for her response.

As the minister is aware, the cost of living keeps going up, with no end in sight.

Information published by the government indicates that over 11,000 Nunavummiut received income assistance during the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The government's most recent annual report on grants and contributions indicates that the department spent approximately \$66.7 million during the 2024-2025 fiscal year on income assistance payments to individuals.

Amendments to the *Income Assistance Regulations* to increase the monthly allowance rates for recipients were last made in March 2023. Kugluktuk falls under Zone 2 in this section.

Can the minister indicate when the next increase to the monthly allowance rates will be made?

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Healey Akearok.

Hon. Gwen Healey Akearok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, (interpretation ends) and I thank the member for the question. We're continuing to examine updates to the *Income Assistance Act*, and more information will be coming about that. And as part of that process, we'll be examining those rates. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Oral Questions. Mr. Pedersen, Cambridge Bay.

Oral Question 9 – 7(2): Grays Bay Major Project

Mr. Pedersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My member statement today was on major development projects happening in the Kitikmeot region, and one of those is the Grays Bay project. As we're all aware, the Nunavut Impact Review Board recently issued a conformity determination for the impact statement that was submitted by West Kitikmeot Resources.

My questions today on this will be directed to the premier, my first question being, and to get this on the record: Does the Government of Nunavut support the project and support the Grays Bay Road and Port Project? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Premier of Nunavut, Mr. Main.

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) The Grays Bay project is one of the four Inuit-led major projects that have been outlined in the Nunavut Arctic Security and Sovereignty Strategy, and so our government does give its conditional support to the project. We have met with the proponents for the Grays Bay Road and Port Project several times. We are planning to continue engaging with them, and the announcement yesterday from Minister Hodgson was a positive one, and it's clear that there's a lot of focus on the north from our federal partners and we appreciate that. *Mat'na*.

Speaker: First supplementary question, Mr. Pedersen.

Mr. Pedersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think we realize that there's good news and bad news that comes from major development projects. I'm going to stick to the good news

stuff, I guess mostly, but I'll leave the bad news type questions to colleagues regarding the Baffinland announcement.

Also though, a southern group named Oceans North has submitted a judicial review for the scope of the Grays Bay Road and Port Project. My question for the premier is: Is the Government of Nunavut aware of this, and how will the Government of Nunavut seek to have intervenor status regarding this? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Premier of Nunavut, Mr. Main.

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Yes, we are aware of the application for judicial review. In terms of the level of detail in terms of the process involved in that application, I have to, I'm not an authority on the nuts and bolts of that application, but in terms of the environmental assessment on the Grays Bay project, we would be involved.

We fully believe in the process that's set out in the Nunavut Agreement in terms of the Nunavut Impact Review Board, the Nunavut Water Board, all the regulatory framework. So our plan is to fully engage in that process, and there will be multiple departments involved in that in terms of looking at the environmental aspects of mitigating negative effects, and also economic development aspects in terms of maximizing benefits. So we will be engaged in the process going forward. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary question, Mr. Pedersen.

Mr. Pedersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think the premier has answered my final question. It was going to be, I would like to encourage a community-based groups and other organizations to be involved in the NIRB hearings on this project, and my question was going to be whether the Government of Nunavut will be involved in the hearings, but he's already mentioned that they will, so thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. I didn't hear a question. According to the list of names I have, member for Amittuq, Mr. Attagutaluk.

Oral Question 10 – 7(2): Office of the Fire Marshal

Mr. Attagutaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions today are for the Minister of Community Services, whose department is responsible for the Office of the Fire Marshal.

As the minister is aware, a number of communities in Nunavut have lost important buildings due to fire in recent years.

Last year's loss of the Kipsigak Arena has been felt throughout the community of Igloolik.

Mr. Speaker, the fire occurred in February of 2025. It is now May of 2026. Can the minister provide an update today on the status of the Office of the Fire Marshal's investigation into the Kipsigak Arena fire? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. I apologize, Member for Aggu. Minister for Community Services, Mr. Simailak.

Hon. Craig Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for his question. If I'm not mistaken, the Office of the Fire Marshal is still doing some reviews, but I'll have to double-check and get back to the member on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Your first supplementary question, Mr. Attagutluk?

Mr. Attagutluk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In October 2025, the Office of Nunavut's Information and Privacy Commissioner issued a report concerning a request for records related to a fire in Iqaluit.

The report indicated that "there has been substantial turnover of staff in the Office of the Fire Marshal. There are currently eleven approved positions but only two working employees."

Mr. Speaker, this is concerning. Can the minister provide an update today on the status of staffing at the Office of the Fire Marshal? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Simailak.

Hon. Craig Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member again for his question regarding the Office of the Fire Marshal. It's a crucial office that looks after all of our communities, and they do important work.

Regarding the staffing issues, they are going through the regular process of hiring, and hopefully they can get all of the positions filled as soon as possible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Your second and final supplementary question, Mr. Attagutluk.

Mr. Attagutluk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the minister will be aware, the Office of the Fire Marshal recently issued a public service announcement concerning electrical safety.

The announcement included useful information about reducing the risk of electrical fires in homes and cabins, and encouraged residents to have electrical equipment and fixtures checked by certified electrical professionals.

Mr. Speaker, as the minister is aware, smaller communities in Nunavut lack the resources of larger communities. I doubt that there are certified electrical inspectors living in every community.

Can the minister describe how his department is working with municipalities and the Municipal Training Organization to address the need for more certified electrical inspectors in the territory? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister of Community Services, Mr. Simailak.

Hon. Craig Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, thank you to the member for the question regarding electrical inspectors and the important need for them to visit every Nunavut community as often as possible. Community Services, along with the Nunavut Association of Municipalities and the electrical inspectors, they do try to get around to every community as often as possible. They do circulate where they go and when they can go to them as much as possible, so it is being addressed. It's very serious thing to work on, so it's taken very seriously by the new Fire Marshals Office and inspectors and whatnot. So it's being worked on, and we do hope to see it keep every community as safe as possible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Pangnirtung, Mr. Mike.

Oral Question 11 – 7(2): Tuberculosis

Mr. Mike: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions today are for the Minister of Health.

As the minister will recall, I tabled a copy of correspondence in the Legislative Assembly during our recent winter sitting that the Municipality of Pangnirtung had written earlier this year to a number of leaders, including the federal and territorial ministers of health. The correspondence concerned the issue of tuberculosis in Nunavut and the need for a coordinated approach between all levels of government to address the crisis.

Can the minister confirm when she will be tabling a copy of her reply to the Municipality of Pangnirtung's letter?

So that's my question. That's my first question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister of Health, Madam Brewster.

Hon. Janet Brewster: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank the member for the question. I'll commit to tabling that response as soon as possible in the very near future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Your first supplementary question, Mr. Mike.

Mr. Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Madam Minister. As the minister will recall, her department issued an announcement in October of last year concerning its (interpretation ends) "progress toward eliminating tuberculosis in Nunavut."

(interpretation) The announcement indicated that the outbreak in Pangnirtung was officially declared over in July 2025, and one of the recommendations submitted by the municipality was to "establish Pangnirtung as a demonstration site for community-driven tuberculosis elimination, and showcasing an evidence-based, Inuit-informed approach that can serve as a global model for Indigenous-led public health transformation."

And to show that we need to improve this, can the minister describe how her department of health is acting on this recommendation by the municipality of Pangnirtung? Can she describe how the department is acting on this recommendation, thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister of Health, Ms. Brewster.

Hon. Janet Brewster: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to begin by thanking the community members in Pang that took the time to engage with the team that went in to help to work to bring people's health status back to where it should be, getting tested, and taking control of your health is really important by doing so. And then, of course, taking any therapies that are meant to help eradicate the tuberculosis in your body is really important. I think that community members were very good to do so, and not just for their own health, but for the protection of the health of others as well.

What I can say is that the Department of Health works very closely with a number of experts around tuberculosis, and the idea of showcasing the incredible work that was done with the important partners on eliminating TB in Pang is something that can be held up as a great example. And although I don't have that level of detail off the top of my head, I can say that I will go back and talk to our team and see where we're at on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Second and final supplementary question, Mr. Mike.

Mr. Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Madam Minister.

According to the reports, it was declared last year, last October, the department's announcement of last October indicated that it is "making steady progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis by the year 2030, thanks to community support and the partnership between the Government of Nunavut and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated."

Mr. Speaker, the year 2030 begins less than 1,500 days from now. The government's announcement indicated that Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated has made a "multi-year funding commitment" to support tuberculosis screening and prevention initiatives.

Can the minister describe what additional resources will be required to achieve the goal of eliminating tuberculosis in Nunavut by the year 2030, which is fast approaching? Can the minister describe further additional resources? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister of Health, Ms. Brewster.

Hon. Janet Brewster: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am actually really happy to say that the number of tuberculosis cases has steadily been going down over the last three years, so that we know that our interventions are working. The program's budget for 2025-2026 includes \$3.5 million in vote 1 funding, and just under \$2.9 million in vote 4 funding.

As we continue to move towards 2030, those commitments will likely remain about the same amount.

And once again, just to remind people: Get tested, get treated, and treat your body well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you as well. Oral Questions. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Porter.

Oral Question 12 – 7(2): Gjoa Haven State of Emergency

Mr. Porter (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) My questions today are for the Minister of Community Services.

As the minister is aware, the community and people of Gjoa Haven have been recovering from a very difficult winter.

Ongoing issues with our community's water supply and multi-day power outages have been very challenging.

I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank all of Gjoa Haven's front-line municipal staff who have been working hard under difficult circumstances in recent weeks and months.

Mr. Speaker, it is important for all Nunavut communities to have an up-to-date emergency plan in place to deal with a variety of situations.

There are requirements under the territorial *Emergency Measures Act* in this area.

Can the minister describe how his department's emergency management division has been working with the municipality to ensure that its emergency plans are updated? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister of Community Services, Mr. Simailak.

Hon. Craig Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for his question around emergency management preparedness. Community Service works with a few different people. Qulliq Energy Corporation is one entity regarding power outages, and Transportation and Infrastructure Nunavut is another, as they do a lot of repair work and whatnot for our communities in Nunavut. And we also work with Nunavut Association of Municipalities in each hamlet to see what needs to be updated for each community, because each community is different, different infrastructure, different infrastructure needs to work on quickly and whatnot. So that's the kind of work that we do.

It's quite varied. Like I said, it's different for each hamlet, but those are a few of the partners that work together to try to make the best emergency plan for any emergencies. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. First supplementary question, Mr. Porter.

Mr. Porter (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) In April of this year, the minister's department issued a news release concerning its partnership with the Canadian Red Cross.

The announcement indicated that the department is "working with the Canadian Red Cross to enhance emergency response capacity and ensure communities have access to critical supports when they are needed most."

Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my appreciation to the Canadian Red Cross for the important work that it has done across the country.

Can the minister describe some of the main elements of this partnership? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister of Community Services, Minister Simailak.

Hon. Craig Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Some of the work that Red Cross does, Red Cross Canada does is work with training with health emergencies and whatnot. That's the kind of work that Canadian Red Cross helps us out with, among other things that they can help us out with, but whatever they can help us out with. But it has been around training and whatnot for, like, health-related emergencies when there's no nurse or medic available. It's to help train, anyone that wants to take some training. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Second and final supplementary question, Mr. Porter.

Mr. Porter (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) As the minister is aware, Gjoa Haven has been under a boil water advisory for a number of months.

The government issued a request for proposals in June of 2025 to “develop a business case report that outlines a plan to address long-term capacity and treatment requirements to meet projected community domestic water supply needs through at least 2055.”

Can the minister indicate when new water infrastructure for Gjoa Haven is expected to be added to his department's five-year capital plan? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Simailak.

Hon. Craig Simailak: I thank the member for his question around the water treatment plan for Gjoa Haven and when we get onto the five-year capital plan. It's one of the communities that I believe will be looked into getting added to the list. There are a few other communities ahead of Gjoa Haven that's already being worked on, and I can provide further details once I get some more information on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Oral Questions. Member for Aivilik, Ms. Angootealuk.

Oral Question 13 – 7(2): Granular Equipment and Materials

Ms. Angootealuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions today are for the Minister of Community Services.

Mr. Speaker, I recently had the opportunity to spend time in Naujaat, which is one of the two communities that I am proud to represent in this House.

During my recent visit to Naujaat, I met with the mayor and the council. During our meeting the hamlet council requested the community needs a gravel producer, or rock crusher, something that they can use to crush rocks with, to make gravel. They made a

request and they said that it is very important that they get the rock crusher; and other things, but that is the most, the one that I am talking about today.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Can the minister indicate, the minister probably knows that in our community, gravel, the land is too muddy now and they need a new gravel pit, and the hamlet is requesting that. There is a place across the water where there is good gravel, not very muddy gravel because the other gravel near our community is very muddy and it's really hard to work on. The dust from that mud is really bad for lung problems. So they have found a better gravel source across the water, and it's critical that this is looked at, because summer is coming. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): I don't hear a question, Ms. Angootealuk. Would you like to ask your question?

Ms. Angootealuk: That is my question. Can work to get the rock crusher or gravel processor working on the new gravel source across the community, so I'm requesting that from the Minister of Community Services. My question is, can they use the new source and also get a crusher for the community?

Speaker: Minister Simailak.

Hon. Craig Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for the question regarding granular material needs, gravel for her constituencies.

Community Service works with each hamlet to try to source a quarry where they can get gravel material. The gravel crusher equipment program is paused right now. It's not taking any applications for proposals. But the department does work with each hamlet to try to help source granular material, and they can help the hamlets to purchase granular material if an application is submitted, a proposal, if the hamlet comes forward to Community Service and we can work together on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): First supplementary question, Ms. Angootealuk.

Ms. Angootealuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minister for Community Services should know about gravel processors and the Minister for Nunavut Housing Corporation, because they need to collect gravel when they are working on lots for houses. So how is that going? Are the lots being prepared? Are the gravel for the new lots being delivered, too? I would like to ask that to the Nunavut Housing Corporation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Ms. Angootealuk, your question has to be to the same minister, the minister that you asked in the first question. You can't ask more than one minister. You should limit your question to the Minister of Community Services. Ms. Angootealuk.

Ms. Angootealuk (interpretation): I'm done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Do you have a question to the Minister of Community Services? This is your chance to ask your supplementary question.

Ms. Angootealuk (interpretation): I will stop here for now and I can talk about it at a later date.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. According to my list, Member for Arviat South, Mr. Kablutsiak.

Oral Question 14 – 7(2): Transboundary Issues in the Kivalliq

Mr. Kablutsiak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The topic will be transboundary issues within the Kivalliq, and my questions are for the premier, and they concern transboundary issues within the Kivalliq.

As the premier is aware, the Hook Lake Mineral Exploration Project near our community of Arviat has received the support of both the municipal council and the Kivalliq Inuit Association.

In March of this year, the Nunavut Impact Review Board issued its Screening Decision Report on the proposed project. The report indicated that:

“The project proposal is not likely to cause significant public concerns, and is unlikely to result in significant adverse environmental and social impacts.”

Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the project cannot move forward until federal approval is received, but this is at risk because of concerns expressed by transboundary groups located outside of Nunavut.

Information published by the government indicates that the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs is involved in negotiations related to the implementation of transboundary land claim agreements in the region.

Can the premier confirm if the Hook Lake issue has been raised by his department in these discussions? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Premier of Nunavut, Mr. Main.

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for the questions from my colleague.

(interpretation ends) In terms of the Dene claims in Nunavut, I think the most important message I want to get across is that our government supports Dene Indigenous rights in Nunavut, and we welcome the successful conclusion of the two treaties in terms of the two Dene groups and their work with the federal government.

In terms of responding to the member's question, I'm not sure. I do not have that level of detail in terms of whether this specific project has been raised.

Right now the focus is on implementation plans for the land claims, and so our position as a government is that implementing the Dene land claims must be done in a way that is cost-neutral to the Government of Nunavut. We're going to be incurring costs as a part of implementing these land claims; we'll have an ongoing relationship with the two Dene groups, and our message to the federal government is that we need to be adequately resourced to implement them. So that work continues as we speak. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Your first supplementary question, Mr. Kablutsiak.

Mr. Kablutsiak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) Information that is publicly available from the Nunavut Impact Review Board indicates that the same transboundary groups that are not supporting the Hook Lake project are also not supporting numerous projects in our region, including the Meadowbank Mine near Baker Lake, the Meliadine Mine near Rankin Inlet, and the proposed Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link project.

Earlier this year, the premier met with his Manitoba counterpart to discuss this nation-building project.

Can the Premier indicate if the issue of transboundary groups came up during his discussions with his Manitoba counterpart? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Premier of Nunavut, Mr. Main.

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Yes, I can confirm that trans-boundary issues were discussed during that meeting I think between Premier Kinew and I. I think we both realized that we are premiers of public governments, and so the respective roles of Indigenous organizations on both sides of the border are ones that we understand and that we fully support.

In terms of on my end, I recognize the authority held by Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and also Kivalliq Inuit Association; and then on the Manitoba side of the border, there is the Ghotelnene K'odt̄neh Dene and the Athabasca Denesų́liné. They, in a nutshell, following the land claim implementation agreement conclusion, once we have sorted out the details of implementing the Dene land claims in Nunavut, we will move to implementing them from the Nunavut government side.

As I mentioned, there will be costs associated with that, but what it will mean is that our government will have an ongoing relationship with these two Dene groups, because they will have rights that extend into Nunavut. It's a complex process, but it's one that is nearing its conclusion in terms of implementation details.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Second and final supplementary question, Mr. Kablutsiak.

Mr. Kablutsiak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am concerned that if the federal government's position is that the consent of transboundary groups is required for projects to go ahead in our territory, nothing significant will ever get built.

Can the premier describe the extent to which the devolution process will ensure that final regulatory decisions about major mining and infrastructure projects will be made in Nunavut, by Nunavummiut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Premier of Nunavut, Mr. Main.

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, (interpretation ends) and I thank the member for the question. When it comes to devolution, it does mean that the transfer of responsibilities from our federal government over to the Nunavut government will mean that some of the approvals that right now sit with federal ministers will come over and be sitting on the desk of the future Nunavut minister.

Our hope, I think, as a government is that decision-making closer to home will mean better decision-making. It's a long time in the works, but decisions that up until now have been made in Ottawa will be made here in Nunavut, and be made by a minister within this government or the future governments. So I think it's an exciting expansion of our responsibilities as a territory, but it also means difficult decisions.

These are not simple decisions around resource development, and there's lots of differing opinions on whether projects should go ahead or shouldn't go ahead, but we're ready to take on that responsibility and we continue looking forward to April 1, 2027 when the devolution will come into effect. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Pangnirtung, Mr. Mike.

Oral Question 15 – 7(2): Nunavut Land Use Plan

Mr. Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I have more questions today for the Minister of Environment regarding the Nunavut Planning Commission's Recommended Nunavut Land Use Plan, and I had indicated that I was going to be asking further questions on this subject, where the planning commission's Nunavut Land Use Plan, which was submitted to the federal government, the territorial government and Nunavut Tunngavik almost three years ago since that letter was written.

Mr. Speaker, when I last raised this issue during the Legislative Assembly's winter sitting, the minister stated that (interpretation ends) "significant effort is underway to complete the internal review as effectively as possible."

That was the question that I brought up, and that was the reply to the minister. That was two months ago.

Can the minister provide an update today on what progress has been made in reviewing the plan? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister of Environment, Mr. Koonoo.

Hon. Brian Koonoo (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I would like to thank the member for bringing that question. We have had a number of questions by the cabinet. At this time, Nunavut Tunngavik didn't want to bring any of this subject prior to the election, and once the election is over, they will be making an announcement jointly by the Nunavut government and the Nunavut Planning Commission and about the negotiations that took place. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Your first supplementary question, Mr. Mike.

Mr. Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I would like to thank the minister. When I raised this issue – and I used to be the negotiator, and I'm concerned, and I'm sure that it's not an easy process.

When I raised this issue during the winter sitting of the Legislative Assembly, the minister stated that (interpretation ends) "There are still quite a number of Nunavut government and NTI issues that need to be changed in Nunavut Land Use Plan."

(interpretation) Can the minister clearly explain what specific (interpretation ends) issues have been identified?

(interpretation ends) That's my question, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Koonoo, Minister of Environment.

Hon. Brian Koonoo: Thank you for that question. I really don't want to get into the details, and I'll get the question as notice. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The question is taken as notice. Oral Questions. We will proceed to Item 7, Written Questions; 8, Return to Written Questions; 9, Replies to Opening Address; Item 10, Petitions; 11, Responses to Petitions; 12, Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters; 13, Tabling of Documents.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 8 – 7(2): Report of the Chief Electoral Officer of Nunavut on the Conduct of the 7th Territorial General Election

Speaker (interpretation): We have five items that I would like to table. The first document is the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer of Nunavut on the Conduct of the 7th Territorial General Election.

Tabled Document 9 – 7(2): 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut

The second document is the 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut.

Tabled Document 10 – 7(2): Report on the Payment of Indemnities, Allowances, Expenses and Benefits to the Members of the 6th Legislative Assembly for the period of April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025

The third document is the Report on the Payment of Indemnities, Allowances, Expenses and Benefits to the Members of the 6th Legislative Assembly for the period of April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

Tabled Document 11 – 7(2): 2023-2024 Audited Financial Statements under the Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act

The fourth document is the 2023-2024 Audited Financial Statements under the *Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act*.

Tabled Document 12 – 7(2): 2023-2024 Audited Financial Statements under the Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act

The fifth document is 2023-2024 Audited Financial Statements under the *Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act*.

Item 13, Tabling of Documents. Mr. Kuliktana.

Tabled Document 13 – 7(2): Correspondence from the Minister of Health Concerning Oral Question 4-7(1): Cancer Screening

Mr. Kuliktana: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table a copy of correspondence from the Minister of Health in response to the questions that I asked during the winter sitting of 2026 in the Legislative Assembly, concerning the subject of cancer screening. I encourage all members to review this document with care. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Tabling of Documents. Arviat South, Mr. Kablutsiak.

Tabled Document 14 – 7(2): Correspondence Concerning Aqqiumavvik Seabed Mapping Project

Mr. Kablutsiak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table a copy of correspondence concerning the Aqqiumavvik Seabed Mapping Project near the community of Arviat. Mr. Speaker, this project is very important for the long-term future of marine safety and the community's annual fuel resupply and sealift.

Mr. Speaker, I will have questions for the appropriate minister during the spring sitting, and I encourage all members to review the document with care. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Item 13, Tabling of Documents. Amittuq MLA, Mr. Qammaniq.

Tabled Document 15 – 7(2): Correspondence Concerning Search and Rescue Infrastructure in Sanirajak

Mr. Qammaniq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I am pleased to table a copy of correspondence that I recently wrote to the prime minister and the leaders concerning the need for the new search and rescue infrastructure in Sanirajak. I encourage all members to review the documents with care. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Tabling of Documents. MLA for Cambridge Bay, Mr. Fred Pedersen.

Tabled Document 16 – 7(2): Correspondence from the Minister of Health: Follow-up from COW’s Consideration of the 2026-2027 Main Estimates of the Department of Health

Mr. Pedersen: I have two documents to table today. The first document which I’m tabling in my capacity of chairperson of the Committee of the Whole is copy of correspondence of Minister of Health in response to questions that were asked during the consideration of the department’s 2026-2027 capital estimates during the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole during the winter 2026 sitting of the Legislative Assembly.

Tabled Document 17 – 7(2): Correspondence from the Minister of Health Concerning Oral Question 29 – 7(1) Air Ambulance Services in Nunavut

The second document which I am tabling in my capacity as the member for Cambridge Bay is a copy of correspondence from the Minister of Health in response to questions that I asked during the Winter 2026 sitting of the Legislative Assembly concerning the subject of air ambulance services in Nunavut.

I encourage all members to review these documents with care. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Tabling of Documents. Pangnirtung MLA, Mr. Mike.

Tabled Document 18 – 7(2): Correspondence from the Qikiqtani Inuit Association Concerning the Nukkiqsautiit Hydroelectric Project

Mr. Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also have two documents to table here, the first being, this past winter I presented a document from the Hamlet of Pangnirtung and HTO and Fisheries, and I received a letter from Qikiqtani Inuit Association that relates to the issue as an MLA, Qikiqtani Inuit Association gave a correspondence to me and also Nukkiqsautiit project. It’s not translated.

Tabled Document 19 – 7(2): Correspondence from the Pangnirtung Inuit Co-operative Concerning Co-operative Association Act

The second document is correspondence from Pangnirtung Inuit Co-operative that are most affected concerning the territorial *Co-Operative Association Act*.

I encourage all members to review these documents with care, and I will have questions for the appropriate ministers during our current spring sitting. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Item 14, Notices of Motions; 15, Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills; 16, Motions; 17, First Reading of Bills; 18, Second Reading of Bills; 19, Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters; 20, Report of the Committee of the Whole; 21, Third Reading of Bills; 22, *Orders of the Day*. Deputy Clerk, Ms. Bens.

Item 16: Orders of the Day

Deputy Clerk: Thursday, May 22, 2026 at 9 a.m. we will reconvene.

Orders of the Day (interpretation) for May 21, 1:30:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions
8. Returns to Written Questions
9. Replies to the Opening Address
10. Petitions
11. Responses to Petitions
12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters
13. Tabling of Documents
14. Notices of Motion
15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
16. Motions
17. First Reading of Bills
18. Second Reading of Bills
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
20. Report of the Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. *Orders of the Day*.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Our first sitting of the spring sitting is over for the day, and will resume tomorrow, Friday, 9 o'clock.

>> *House adjourned at 15:08*

